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SOVIET AIR FORCE, ARMY
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BUDAPEST IMPORTANT REPLACEMENT CENTER -- Szabad Toll. No 9/10, 1 Aug 1949

Reports indicate that units of the Soviet Air Force are stationed at the following Hungarian airfields: Budacs, Ferihegy, Szombathely, Győr, Konyeri, Pápa, Veszpalota, Vár, Tolnacsanak, Tassar near Kaposvár, Szolnok, Miskolc, Bacszardaras, Matyasfold, Mikspercs, Debrecen, Szekesfehervár, Yestprem, Tapolca, and Bugac.

Budaörs, is the most important replacement center for the Soviet forces and the warehouses there are filled with aircraft parts, engines, and tools. The Soviets have also taken over important Hungarian warehouses at Orkény, Kiser, Repahuta, and Kisgyor for storing aviation gas and lubricants. In addition, an underground warehouse is now being built at Kisbunhals.

At present the Soviets have five reconnaissance squadrons [szatad], 60 fighter squadrons, and 37 attack squadrons stationed in Hungary. Each reconnaissance and fighter squadron has nine aircraft and each attack squadron has six. Accordingly, there are 45 reconnaissance aircraft, 540 fighters, and 222 attack aircraft in Hungary. There are no heavy bomber units. The fighters are of the 2B-Mustang and the YAK-9 types with conventional engines and a maximum speed of 650 kilometers per hour. Only one or two of the modern YAK-18 type can be seen.

Generally, there are 8 - 15 gasoline trucks and 35 - 40 other trucks assigned to each airfield.

SOVIET TROOPS MOVE TO SOUTHERN HUNGARY -- Szabad Toll, No 9/10, 1 Aug 49

According to reliable sources, new Russian troops arrived in Hungary recently and were stationed along the Yugoslav - Austrian frontier.

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A strong armored division arrived in Szombathely. Staff headquarters are located in the former police barracks. Enlisted men are also quartered in these barracks, in the infantry and cavalry barracks, and at the Horticulture Institute. Some of the officers live near the Perint River and others live in approximately 80 private homes in the eastern part of the city. The tanks are located at Millennium Park, at the playground, and at the sports arena. Included among the tanks are the modernized T-34 tanks now known as the T-42.

Koszeg, Velem, Zackenbach, and Poschendorff are also occupied by Russian Armored troops. There is also a platoon of 50 men located at Oberwart. Pinkakertes, Edlitz, Kochfidisch, and Grosspetersdorff have been cleared of Russian troops.

According to estimates, there is at least one division stationed along the Yugoslav frontier of Hungary. A few days ago, 78 trains were seen on the Kormend-Szombathely-Szentgotthard line, averaging 20 cars each, and heading toward the Yugoslav border with Russian troops and supplies. Each train generally consisted of six to eight tanks, four heavy cannon, ammunition, and gasoline. The troops were unloaded in the Yugoslav-Austrian-Hungarian border triangle.

Russian mechanized units were also seen heading south toward the Drava. Smaller units were arriving in Szeged, Baja, Eapösvar, and Pecs. The Soviet Air Force and MVD have also been reinforced at Pecs.

New emergency airfields are being built near the Yugoslav border. An airfield was built at Gyulavari-pusztá near Bakesgyula. The officers are quartered in the Almásy castle and the enlisted men in farm buildings. In the absence of hangars, planes and fuel are hidden in the forest on the north side of the airfield.

Another airfield is being built southwest of Gyula on the Korossente-Zerand highway. The planes here are camouflaged just as those at the Gyulavari-pusztá airfield.

KUHNE PLANT NOW MAKES CARTRIDGE CASES -- Szabad Toll, No 7/8, 1 Jul 49

The Kuhne factory at Mosonmagyaróvár has been converted to produce war equipment. Until the end of last year, this plant produced agricultural machinery. Soviet military personnel visited the plant in January of this year, and under their directions, equipment was installed to make cartridge cases and other military items. Employees work 12 to 13 hours a day.

After hours, factory workers are formed into work brigades of 50 men for the reconstruction work on the militarily important branch railroad line leading to the Czechoslovak border near Rajka.

RUSSIANS SERVING IN HUNGARIAN ARMY -- Kozponti Tájékoztató, No 5, Aug 49

At present, there are 46 high-ranking Russian officers attached to the Hungarian Army. Four generals are stationed in Budapest and two colonels are assigned to the Ministry of Defense. A Russian staff officer is attached to each of the 13 departments of the general staff, with ranks ranging from captain to lieutenant colonel. Two staff officers are assigned to the training department of the Ministry of Defense and two to the personnel department. A total of 12 Russian officers are assigned to the officers' academy and to the field training camps, as advisors. There are two liaison officers for each of the four district headquarters.

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PIONEER MOVEMENT GROWS -- Uj Nemzedek, No 12, 15 Jul 49

In 1946, the Pioneers had a membership of 1,600 youths, while today there are 700,000 members. Rifle drill is now included in the training program of the organization.

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